

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Teaching during Covid was very stressful for myself and my family in the spring of 2020. No provisions were made for teachers at home. I was forced to return in the fall of 2020 with no vaccinations and minimal mitigation for exposure to over 100 students in my classroom daily.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

